

REMARKS

Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating the presence of allowable subject matter in claims 3, 4, 9, 10, 12, 13, 15 and 16 and the allowance of claims 5, 6 and 17-23. Claim 3 has been amended to incorporate the features of claims 1 and 2. Claim 9 has been amended to incorporate the features of claims 7 and 8. Claim 10 has been amended to depend from claim 9. Claims 12 and 13 have been amended to include the features of claim 11. Claims 15 and 16 have been amended to incorporate the features of claim 14. Claims 13 and 16 have been further amended to correct informalities. Claims 1, 2, 7, 8, 11 and 14 have been cancelled.

Applicants note that the preliminary amendment filed on June 25, 2003, has not been entered. The Action of April 7, 2005, was based on an examination of the claims as originally filed on March 23, 2001. The PTO PAIR system also does not indicate entry of the preliminary amendment. Applicants have attached in an Appendix a copy of the preliminary amendment as originally filed as well as copies of the associated USPS date-stamped Express Mail label and PTO date-stamped return postcard. The Express Mail label indicates deposit on June 25, 2003, and the return postcard indicates receipt on July 7, 2003.

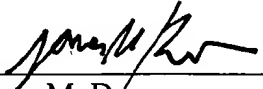
Applicants request that prosecution proceed with the originally filed and examined claims. Therefore, the presently filed amendments to the claims are based on the claims as originally filed. Applicants have attached a copy of the preliminary amendment in the interest of full disclosure and to ensure that the file history as maintained by the PTO is complete and accurate.

Early action allowing claims 3-6, 9, 10, 12, 13 and 15-23 is solicited.

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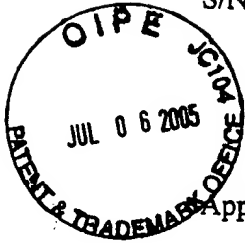
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT A

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above referenced application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.

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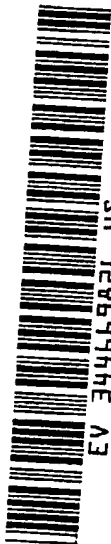
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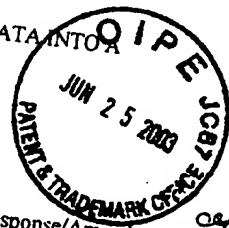
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Listing of Claims

1. (currently amended) A method for inserting asynchronous data into a synchronous data stream comprising:
 - receiving information including a first point in time value when said asynchronous data may be used;
 - determining a transfer interval for said asynchronous data by performing a calculation that determines the file size of said asynchronous data, determines a data transfer rate for said asynchronous data, and divides said file size by said transfer rate to calculate a transfer duration;
 - adding any latency that may exist in the transmission of said asynchronous data to said transfer duration; and
 - inserting said asynchronous data into said synchronous data stream at a second point in time prior to said first point in time value by ~~an amount~~ a period of time that is ~~greater than or~~ at least equal to said transfer interval.
2. (currently amended) The method of claim 1 wherein said step of determining a transfer interval further comprises:
 - ~~determining the file size of said asynchronous data;~~
 - ~~determining a data transfer rate for said asynchronous data; and~~
 - ~~dividing said file size by said data transfer rate to calculate a duration.~~
 - using a bandwidth value equal to the isochronous rate assigned to metadata as said transfer rate.
3. (currently amended) The method of claim 2 1 wherein said step of determining a transfer interval further comprises:
 - determining the ratio of data stream bandwidth available for transfer of said asynchronous data; and
 - modifying said duration by multiplying said duration by the inverse of said ratio.

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4. (currently amended) The method of claim 3 1 wherein said step of ~~modifying said duration~~ adding any latency that may exist further comprises:

obtaining a connect time; and
adding said connect time to said duration.

5. (currently amended) A method for inserting first asynchronous data and second asynchronous data into a synchronous data stream comprising:

receiving information comprising a first point in time value when said first asynchronous data may be used and a second value point in time when said second asynchronous information may be used;

determining a first transfer interval for said first asynchronous data;
determining a second transfer interval for said second asynchronous data;

and

commencing insertion of said first asynchronous data into said synchronous stream at a third point in time prior to said second point in time value by a period of time ~~greater than or~~ at least equal to the sum of said first transfer interval and said second transfer interval.

6. (currently amended) A method for inserting first asynchronous data and second asynchronous data into a synchronous television broadcast stream comprising:

receiving information comprising a first point in time value when said first asynchronous data may be used and a second point in value time when said second asynchronous information may be used;

determining a first transfer interval for said first asynchronous data;
determining a second transfer interval for said second asynchronous data;

and

commencing insertion of said first asynchronous data into said synchronous television broadcast stream at a third point in time prior to said second point in time value by a period of time ~~greater than or~~ at least equal to the sum of said first transfer interval and said second transfer interval.

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7. (currently amended) A method for inserting asynchronous data into a synchronous television broadcast stream comprising:
 - receiving information including a first point in time value when said asynchronous data may be used;
 - determining a transfer interval for said asynchronous data by performing a calculation that determines the file size of said asynchronous data, determines a data transfer rate for said asynchronous data, and divides said file size by said transfer rate to calculate a transfer duration;
 - adding any latency that may exist in the transmission of said asynchronous data to said transfer duration; and
 - inserting said asynchronous data into said synchronous television broadcast stream at a time prior to said first time value by an amount that is greater than or equal to said transfer interval.
8. (currently amended) The method of claim 7 wherein said step of determining a transfer interval further comprises:
 - ~~determining the file size of said asynchronous data;~~
 - ~~determining a data transfer rate for said asynchronous data; and~~
 - ~~dividing said file size by said data transfer rate to calculate a duration.~~
 - using a bandwidth value equal to the isochronous rate assigned to metadata as said transfer rate.
9. (original) The method of claim 7 wherein said step of determining a transfer interval further comprises:
 - determining the ratio of data stream bandwidth available for transfer of said asynchronous data; and
 - modifying said duration by multiplying said duration by the inverse of said ratio.
10. (currently amended) The method of claim 7 wherein said step of ~~modifying said duration~~ adding any latency that may exist further comprises:

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obtaining a connect time; and

adding said connect time to said duration.

11. (currently amended) A transmission system for ~~inserting asynchronous data into a synchronous~~ television broadcast stream comprising:

~~a database containing~~ asynchronous data;

~~an insertion controller containing a processor and program memory that~~
inserts asynchronous data into a synchronous television broadcast stream; and

~~a software program code operating on said insertion controller operable to~~
~~determine that calculates~~ a transfer interval for said asynchronous data and to
~~commence that commences~~ insertion of said asynchronous data into said
synchronous television broadcast stream at a first point in time greater than or
equal to the duration of said transfer interval prior to a time when said
asynchronous data may be utilized that is prior to a second point in time when
said asynchronous data may be utilized by a period that is at least equal to said
transfer interval, said program code calculating said transfer interval by
determining the file size of said asynchronous data, determining a data transfer
rate for said asynchronous data and dividing said file size by said data transfer
rate to calculate a transfer duration.

12. (currently amended) The system of claim 11 wherein said ~~software~~ program code
further comprises:

a first software routine ~~operable to determine that determines~~ a transfer
rate based on total data stream bandwidth and bandwidth utilized by non-metadata
transfers.

13. (currently amended) The system of claim 11 wherein said ~~software~~ code program
further comprises:

a second software routine ~~operable to advance that advances~~ in time said
commencement of said insertion of said asynchronous data by a period of time
greater than or equal to a data access latency value.

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14. (currently amended) A system for inserting asynchronous data into a synchronous television broadcast stream comprising:

a server containing asynchronous data;

an insertion controller that inserts said asynchronous data into said synchronous television stream; and

~~a software~~ program code operating on said server ~~operable to determine that calculates~~ a transfer interval for said asynchronous data and ~~to commence that commences~~ insertion of said asynchronous data into said synchronous television broadcast stream at a first point in time that is prior to a second point in time greater than or equal to the duration of said transfer interval prior to a time when said asynchronous data may be utilized by a period that is at least equal to said transfer interval, said program code calculating said transfer interval by determining the file size of said asynchronous data, determining a data transfer rate for said asynchronous data and dividing said file size by said data transfer rate to calculate a transfer duration.

15. (currently amended) The system of claim 14 wherein said ~~software~~ program code further comprises:

a first software routine ~~operable to determine that determines~~ a transfer rate based on total data stream bandwidth and bandwidth utilized by non-metadata transfers.

16. (currently amended) The system of claim 14 wherein said ~~software~~ program code further comprises:

a second software routine ~~operable to advance that advances~~ in time said commencement of said insertion of said asynchronous data by a period of time greater than or equal to a data access latency value.

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17. (currently amended) A system for inserting asynchronous data into a synchronous television broadcast stream comprising:

a database containing first asynchronous data and second asynchronous data;

an insertion controller containing a processor and program memory; and

a ~~software~~ program code operating in said insertion controller operable to ~~determine~~ that calculates a first transfer interval for said first asynchronous data and a second transfer interval for said second asynchronous data and to ~~commence~~ that commences insertion of said first asynchronous data into said synchronous television broadcast stream at a first point in time, ~~greater than or equal to the duration of the sum of said first transfer interval and said second transfer interval~~, prior to a second point in time when said second asynchronous data may be utilized by a period that is at least equal to the sum of said first transfer interval and said second transfer interval.

18. (original) The system of claim 17 wherein said synchronous data stream is an audio/video stream.

19. (currently amended) The system of claim 17 wherein said ~~software~~ program code further comprises:

a first software routine ~~operable to determine~~ that calculates a first transfer rate and a second transfer rate based on total data stream bandwidth and bandwidth utilized by non-metadata transfers.

20. (currently amended) The system of claim 17 wherein said ~~software~~ program code further comprises:

a second software routine ~~operable to advance~~ that advances in time said commencement of said insertion of said first asynchronous data by a period of time greater than or equal to the sum of a first data access latency value for said first asynchronous data and a second data access latency value for said second asynchronous data.

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21. (currently amended) A system for inserting asynchronous data into a synchronous television broadcast stream comprising:

a server containing first asynchronous data and second asynchronous data;
an insertion controller; and

~~a software program operating in said server operable to determine that~~
calculates a first transfer interval for said first asynchronous data and a second transfer interval for said second asynchronous data and ~~to commence that~~
commences insertion of said first asynchronous data into said synchronous television broadcast stream at a first point in time, ~~greater than or equal to the duration of the sum of said first transfer interval and said second transfer interval,~~ prior to a second point in time when said second asynchronous data may be utilized by a period that is at least equal to the sum of said first transfer interval and said second transfer interval.

22. (currently amended) The system of claim 21 wherein said ~~software program code~~ further comprises:

a first software routine ~~operable to determine that~~ calculates a first transfer rate and a second transfer rate based on total data stream bandwidth and bandwidth utilized by non-metadata transfers.

23. (currently amended) The system of claim 21 wherein said ~~software program code~~ further comprises:

a second software routine ~~operable to advance that~~ advances in time said commencement of said insertion of said first asynchronous data by a period of time greater than or equal to the sum of a first data access latency value for said first asynchronous data and a second data access latency value for said second asynchronous data.

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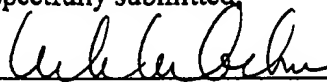
Claims 1-23 were originally presented for examination. Claims 1-8, 10-17, and 19-23 have been amended. Claims 1-23 are now presented for examination.

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It is respectfully requested that the Examiner enter this amendment prior to examination of the application. The application as amended is believed to be in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited.

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